

NEWS LETTER
OF
THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

During the war the Archaeological Society, like a number of other organizations, was forced to curtail many of its activities. With the return to more normal times it is hoped that the Society can resume its interrupted program.

While actual excavation is not possible at this time, because of lack of personnel and funds, every member of the Society can have an active part in strengthening our organization by securing new members, stimulating interest in archaeology in their neighborhood and among their friends, reporting all places thought to have archaeological interest to officers of the Society and affording protection to the same until scientific investigation is possible.

Let us conserve not only the growth which our Society has made in the past but strive to build a strong, active organization which will become a contributor to important archaeological knowledge of the Southeast which is one of the great prehistorical areas of our country.

Looking forward to our annual meeting in December and trusting that it will be one of our best and most enthusiastic meetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. J.B. Dorieux.

The Annual Meeting is already planned for December in Raleigh, when some of you will be coming to attend meetings of some of the other cultural societies. Our President has already arranged for our principal address, and it is not disclosing too much to say that the scheduled speaker is a foremost authority on the archaeology of our region.

Membership in the Archaeological Society was not stressed during the war years when active field work gave way to more material works. The skeleton crew has stood by to keep the Society operable and now comes the time for more normal operations. Renew your membership and solicit the interest of others who wish to aid the work or take an active part in it. The Executive Committee meeting, September 23rd, ruled that annual dues of \$1.00 paid now will carry your membership through 1947. Send this direct to Dr. Raymond Adams, Secretary-Treasurer, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Publications have likewise been held in abeyance. Now in preparation is a Bulletin that will carry two scholarly articles that you will treasure for your Library. This will be sent to all current members. These papers are the addresses that were delivered at our Annual Meetings in 1944 and 1945, namely - "The Guarani Indians of South America" by Dr. Guillermo Tell Bortoni of the National University of Bra-

quay, and "The Near East in Archaeology" by Dr. W.F. Stinespring, Professor of Old Testament at Duke University.

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Dr. Stinespring was called to serve the Anglo-American Commission on Palestine which took him into this turbulent field of activity. He could make interesting reports when he returns.

Miss Wellena B. Dutcher, Science Dept., Newark Museum, Newark, N.J., is making a survey of Bannerstones found in the State of New Jersey, and asks that any one knowing of such artifacts to please send the information to her.

Dr. Archibald Rutledge, outdoorsman and writer, is getting together an extensive collection of Amerindian artifacts for Converse College Museum at Spartanburg, S.C.

Life Magazine carried some interesting pictures on field archaeology in the September issue. More recently there were pictures of skull remains of early man.

Our member, Douglas D. Jeter, writes that he is now off military duty and is "re-converting" as Professor of Geography at the Savannah Division, University of Georgia.

Jeffrey L. Coe, our faithful Field Director, "reconverted" from Pacific Army Service by further safeguarding our gains in archaeology. His terminal leave was a labor of love in working with our extensive collections in systematic storage at Chapel Hill.

It is always gratifying to have a local group observe a need and then do something about it. Citizens of Macon County have organized a Historical Society, and paid \$1500.00 from 143 donors to preserve for posterity the remarkable Indian Mound near the highway in the suburbs of Franklin.

The Annual Meeting of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation, will be held November 9 and 10 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Rochester, N.Y. We are one of the affiliated societies and we naturally hope to have a representative present. If you know of any member who can conveniently attend, please inform our Secretary.

The enclosure from H.G. Omwake is because of interest in trade pipes. Mr. Omwake is now taking graduate work at Duke University and may be addressed Box 4748, Duke Station, Durham.

While here Mr. Omwake and friends have located an Indian Village site on an Island in the waterpower lake between Rowan and Davidson counties, Yadkin Valley. While the water is down he is working with others to excavate this site. We may expect a report on this at our next meeting.

The Indians of the Southeastern U.S. This comprehensive work by Dr. John R. Swanton has recently been published by the Bureau of American Ethnology. There are 943 pages, with charts and maps, and 107 pages of excellent black and white plates. This is a basic work for this section of America and can be had for \$2.75 from the Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C.

REPORTS OF SITES

Burials in front of his home, by W.M. McNeill, Red Springs, N.C.

Artifacts and "Fossils" near Archers Lodge, Johnston County, by D.T. Harris.

Site near Ore Hill, Chatham County, by Capt. W.N. Heritage.

Village Site, Myatts Mill area, Harnett County, by Thomas D. Stewart.

Barhams Springs, Rolesville, Wake County, by J.W. Greening.

Neuse River, near Oriental, a village site, by Mrs. C.S. Warren.

These are listed to suggest that some alert observation can greatly expand our site surveys. Much road work is going on that may be uncovering new sites. Insist always that sites await trained excavators and not be robbed of the relics.

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